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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In Re Serial No. 76/463,019 *ଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊଊ* filed September 10, 2002 11-17-2003 Mark: ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design U.S. Patent & TMOfc/TM Mail Rcpt Dt. #78 Opposition No. Published: April 29, 2003 at TM 142 EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION, CERTIFICATE OF MAILING - 37 C.F.R. 1.8 Opposer, I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient v. postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202-3513, on the date below: IMCLONE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED 11/1/3/2003 ∕Date Louis 7. Pirkey Applicant.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Exxon Mobil Corporation ("Opposer"), a New Jersey corporation having a principal place of business at 5959 Las Colinas Boulevard, Irving, Texas, 75039-2298, believes that it will be damaged by registration of the mark identified above, and hereby opposes same under the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 1063. As grounds for opposition, Opposer asserts that:

1. Since at least as early as 1971, Opposer has continuously used the mark EXXON in a design form in which the X's are represented as an interlocking X design, such as in the famous EXXON Emblem, shown in, *inter alia*, U.S. Reg. No. 968,512. Since well prior to the filing of Applicant's application for registration of the mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design, Opposer has also continuously used the Interlocking X Design as a stand-alone mark, as shown in, *inter alia*, Reg. No. 1,384,919. Since at least as early as 2000, Opposer has continuously used the mark and

trade name "ExxonMobil" in a design form that incorporates the Interlocking X Design. These marks are hereinafter collectively referred to as Opposer's "Interlocking X Marks."

- 2. Opposer has used its Interlocking X Marks in connection with the sale and promotion of gasoline, motor oil, other petroleum products, chemical products, and various services.

 Opposer's chemical products sold under its Interlocking X Marks include chemicals used in the preparation of pharmaceuticals and various other products.
- 3. Opposer's Interlocking X Marks constitute a family of marks. Many of Opposer's Interlocking X Marks are used and promoted together, and are used on or in connection with related or complementary goods and services (e.g., petroleum products and automobile club services, chemical products and related computer software, and gasoline station and convenience store services). When used with such goods and services, relevant consumers recognize and rely upon Opposer's Interlocking X Marks as an indicator of origin.
- 4. Opposer is the owner of numerous United States Trademark Registrations covering its Interlocking X Marks, including the following:

Mark:	Reg. No.:	Reg. Date:	Goods/Services:
EXXON & Design	968,512	9/18/1973	Petroleum and petroleum products —namely: industrial oils and greases, petroleum and mineral waxes, lubricants, hydrocarbon fuels, petroleum illuminants and crude oil
EXXONMOBIL EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE & Design	2,671,062	1/7/2003	Administration of a program that grants funding for public or private non-profit schools
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Mark:	Reg. No.:	Reg. Date:	Goods/Services:
XX (stylized)	1,384,919	3/4/1986	Motor oils
XX (stylized)	1,412,809	10/14/1986	Neo decanoic acid used as a chemical intermediate in the following products: corrosion inhibitors, foam boosters and suppressants, fragrances, odorants, cosmetics, metal working fluids, synthetic soluble oils, metals extraction agents, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, plasticizers, vinyl stabilizers, surface active agents, synthetic lubricants, and the like
XX (stylized)	1,415,453	11/4/1986	Solvents used in the following products: Adhesives, pharmaceuticals, fragrances, metal working fluids, pesticides, sealants, textile lubricants and the like
XX (stylized)	2,149,419	4/7/1998	Chemicals for use in the manufacture of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides
XX (stylized)	2,305,494	1/4/2000	Gasoline

These registrations are currently valid and subsisting, and many of them have become incontestable under 15 U.S.C. § 1065. Copies of pages from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Electronic Service System (TESS) for these registrations are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

5. Opposer also owns pending applications for registration of additional of its Interlocking X Marks, including Serial Nos. 75/933,349 and 75/859,548, each for the mark "ExxonMobil logo" as shown below:

EXonMobil

Application Serial No. 75/983,349 was filed November 29, 1999, and covers a variety of goods, including "solvents used as a component in adhesives, pharmaceuticals, fragrances, metal working fluids, pesticides, sealants, lubricants."

- 6. Opposer has invested many millions of dollars for more than three decades in advertising and promoting its Interlocking X Marks and the goods and services sold under those marks, with the result that the purchasing public has come to know, rely upon, and recognize the goods and services of Opposer by those marks. Opposer has established valuable goodwill in its Interlocking X Marks. Opposer's Interlocking X Marks have become well known to members of the relevant consumer groups.
- 7. Through Opposer's extensive use and promotion of its Interlocking X Marks, these marks have become famous and consumers have come to recognize the marks as such, and to associate the marks uniquely with Opposer and its goods and services.
- 8. Application Serial No. 76/463,019 was filed on September 10, 2002, for the mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design (shown immediately below) for "pharmaceutical preparation, namely monoclonal antibody for the treatment of cancer" in International Class 5.



9. There is no issue as to priority. Opposer has priority based on its use and registration of its Interlocking X Marks in the United States. Applicant does not claim a date of first use, and Opposer used and registered its Interlocking X Marks, and those marks became famous, long before Applicant's filing date of September 10, 2002.

- 10. Applicant's mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design is visually similar to Opposer's Interlocking X Marks.
- 11. Applicant's pharmaceutical preparation intended to be sold under the mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design is similar or related to the petroleum and chemical products that Opposer offers under its Interlocking X Marks, particularly Opposer's products that are used in the preparation of pharmaceuticals.
- 12. Additionally, Opposer's Interlocking X Marks are of sufficient fame and reputation among consumers such that when Applicant's mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design is used for the products identified in the application, a connection with Opposer would be presumed by consumers.
- 13. Because Applicant's mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design so resembles Opposer's Interlocking X Marks, individually and collectively, as to be likely, when used in connection with the claimed goods of Applicant, to cause confusion, or to cause mistake, or to deceive, registration should be refused under 15 U.S.C. § 1052(d).
- 14. Applicant's mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design, when used on the goods specified in the application herein opposed, would cause dilution of Opposer's famous Interlocking X Marks, individually and collectively, and registration should be refused under 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).
- 15. Opposer has not given Applicant permission or approval to use or register the mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design.

16. Registration of Applicant's mark ERBITUX CETUXIMAB & Design on the Principal Register would be inconsistent with Opposer's rights under the aforementioned registrations, and its common-law rights, and would be damaging to Opposer.

WHEREFORE, Opposer prays that Application Serial No. 76/463,019 be rejected, and that registration of the mark therein be refused.

A duplicate copy of this First Amended Notice of Opposition is being filed herewith. The filing fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 2.6(a)(17) was previously submitted with the Notice of Opposition filed on October 27, 2003. If there is an additional fee, the Commissioner is authorized to draw on the Deposit Account of Fulbright & Jaworski, Account No. 50-1212/EXCO:134/SPM. Please return the enclosed postcard to evidence receipt of this Opposition.

Date: _///13/03

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EXXON

Goods and Services

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Mark Drawing

Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search

Code

261112 261121

Serial Number 72407854

Filing Date

November 16, 1971

Registration

Number

0968512

Registration

Date

September 18, 1973

Owner

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Las Colinas Boulevard Irving TEXAS 750392298

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ROBERT D. RIPPE, JR.

Prior

0902044;AND OTHERS

Registrations

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Goods and Services

IC 036. US 100 101 102. G & S: Administration of a program that grants funding for public or private non-profit schools. FIRST USE: 20000816. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 20000816

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Design Search

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020102 020131 020505 020524 200501

Serial Number

76150374

Filing Date

October 19, 2000

Published for **Opposition**

November 13, 2001

Registration Number

2671062

Registration

Date

January 7, 2003

Owner

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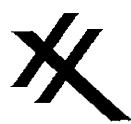
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Goods and Services

IC 004. US 015. G & S: MOTOR OILS. FIRST USE: 19850319. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 19850319

Mark Drawing

Code

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

Serial Number

73552203

Filing Date

August 6, 1985

Published for

Opposition

December 10, 1985

Registration

Number

1384919

Registration Date March 4, 1986

Owner

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Registrations

0959650;0960179

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IC 001. US 006. G & S: NEO DECANOIC ACID USED AS A CHEMICAL INTERMEDIATE IN THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: CORROSION INHIBITORS. FOAM BOOSTERS AND SUPPRESSANTS, FRAGRANCES, ODORANTS, COSMESTICS, METAL WORKING FLUIDS, SYNTHETIC SOLUBLE OILS, METALS EXTRACTION AGENTS, PESTICIDES (BIOCIDES, DEFOLIANTS, HERBICIDES, INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, REPELLANTS), PHARMACEUTICALS, PLASTICIZERS, VINYL STABILIZERS, SURFACE ACTIVE AGENTS, SYNTHETIC LUBRICANTS, AND THE LIKE. FIRST USE:

Mark Drawing

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

19850726. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850726

Code Serial

73582326

Number Filing Date

February 10, 1986

Published for Opposition

July 22, 1986

Registration

1412809

Number Registration

October 14, 1986

Date Owner

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Goods and Services

IC 001. US 006. G & S: SOLVENTS USED IN THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS; ADHESIVES, PHARMACEUTICALS, FRAGRANCES, METAL WORKING FLUIDS, PESTICIDES, SEALANTS, TEXTILE LUBRICANTS AND THE LIKE.

FIRST USE: 19850617. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19850617

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Serial Number 73549473

Filing Date

July 22, 1985

Published for Opposition

August 12, 1986

Registration

Number

1415453

Registration

Date

November 4, 1986

Owner

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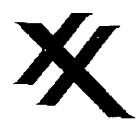
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Goods and Services

IC 001, US 001 005 006 010 026 046. G & S: chemicals for use in the manufacture of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. FIRST USE: 19930118. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 19930118

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Serial Number

75275677

Filing Date

April 11, 1997

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January 13, 1998

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2149419

Date

April 7, 1998

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USE IN COMMERCE: 19870619

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Serial Number

75474257

Filing Date

April 24, 1998

October 12, 1999

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2305494

Registration Date

January 4, 2000

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